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Special Notice

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It would seem very relevant that I send out a special notice at this time. Several of our members have made me aware of a letter sent out to Violettes from a Mrs. Beatrice Bayley of Sterling, PA. Mrs. Bayley claims to be publishing a book on the Violette Family Heritage. One of our members, a Professor in the Mid-West, has looked into her operation. His words are "While she can't be technically accused of fraud--subscribers do get a book--this book would be of absolutely no use to anyone." Another member was under the impression that perhaps I thought this was a great book and had suggested that Mrs. Bayley write to our members. By no means would I ever pass on our membership listing to others. Our Association is a family-orientated membership and will remain as such.

I have not seen this Violette book. However, I have seen the Perrault and the Beland books published by Mrs. Bayley. These books are basically the same and consist of very basic and fundamental knowledge of genealogy and heraldry. All is very general. There is almost nothing to be found on individual families. What makes each family book different is the list of names and addresses of that particular family at the end of the book. This list is basic information that can be obtained from city directories, etc.

Should you have received a letter from Mrs. Bayley, you may be tempted to purchase her book and this is certainly left to your own individual judgment. The purpose of this notice is to alert you that this particular book is definitely not recommended to you by the Association. From a genealogist point of view, the only thing to be gained is the pride of seeing your name in print. Absolutely no reference will be made of your ancestors, etc.

Since I feel that it is extremely important that you receive this notice immediately, I am not using "bulk mail" as that can take as long as 3 weeks for some of you to receive. This letter is being sent first-class mail and only to those members whose last name is "Violette." Mrs. Bayley does not know of other family names who are also in the Violette line; therefore, I am quite sure that our other members have not received her letter. Certainly, the cost incurred by the Association for this special notice is very well worth while as it can save a total of many hundreds of dollars to our members as a whole.

"We Are One"

*Bita Violette Lippe*